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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Frohberg et al.
Serial No. : 09/744,926
For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING AN
ALPHA-GLUCOSIDASE, PLANTS WHICH
SYNTHESIZE A MODIFIED STARCH, THE
GENERATION OF THE PLANTS, THEIR USE,
AND THE MODIFIED STARCH
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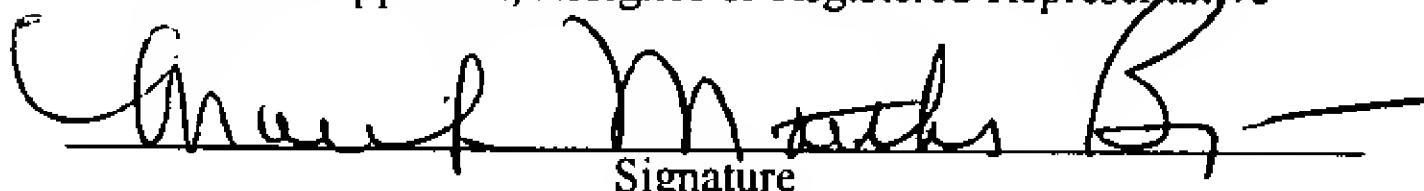
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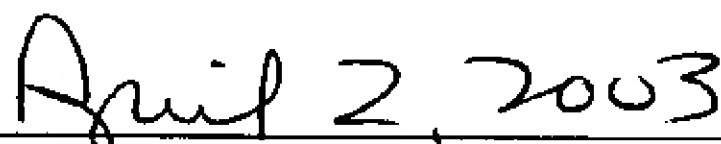
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, having a three month term
for reply.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a), a three month extension of the term for
reply, i.e., to up to and including April 3, 2003, is requested. A check for \$930.00 is enclosed in
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AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

In the Claims:

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26. (Amended) A nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein with the function of a potato α -glucosidase, selected from the group consisting of
- a) nucleic acid molecules which encode a protein which encompasses the amino acid sequence stated under SEQ ID NO: 2,
 - b) nucleic acid molecules which encompass the nucleotide sequence shown under SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - c) nucleic acid molecules which have over 70% homology to the nucleotide sequence shown under SEQ ID NO:1, and
 - d) nucleic acid molecules whose nucleotide sequence deviates from the sequence of the nucleic acid molecules stated under a) or b) owing to the degeneracy of the genetic code.
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31. (Amended) A nucleic acid molecule which specifically hybridizes with a nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 26, under highly stringent conditions, wherein the hybridization temperature is 68°C and the wash temperature is 68°C.
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Please add the following claim:

42. (New) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 26, wherein the nucleic acid molecule has over 85% homology to the nucleotide sequence shown under SEQ ID NO:1.
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